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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM, FR, UR, GW  
SUBJECT: FRG ATTITUDES ON FRENCH DISARMAMENT PROPOSAL

1. FRG DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER RUTH HAS TOLD THE  
POLITICAL COUNSELOR THAT THE FRG ATTITUDE TOWARD THE  
FRENCH DISARMAMENT PROPOSAL IS GENERALLY POSITIVE AL-  
THOUGH THE FRG HAS SOME CONCERNS AND WANTS TO MODERATE  
CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF THE PROPOSAL.

2. OF A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, RUTH SAID THE GERMANS ARE  
PLEASED TO SEE THE FRENCH COME FORWARD WITH A  
DISARMAMENT PROPOSAL OF THEIR OWN. RUTH SAID THE  
GERMANS BELIEVED THIS WOULD STRENGTHEN THE OVERALL  
WESTERN POSITION ON DISARMAMENT ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT ALSO  
CREATE SOME UNCERTAINTIES.

3. RUTH EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN ABOUT THE AREA ENVIS-  
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AGED IN THE FRENCH PROPOSAL. RUTH SAID THAT DISCUSSION  
OF THE ENTIRE EUROPEAN AREA IN A DISARMAMENT SENSE  
COULD BE INTERESTING, BUT ONE SHOULD NOT LOSE SIGHT OF  
THE FACT THAT THERE IS A WESTERN ALLIANCE AND THAT IT  
MUST DEVELOP COMMON VIEWS AND POSITIONS.

4. RUTH ALSO SAID THAT THE FRG WANTS TO TRY TO MODERATE

THE FRENCH PROPOSAL THAT FUNDS TAKEN FROM WEAPONS PROGRAMS SHOULD BE USED FOR DEVELOPMENT AID PURPOSES. RUTH SAID IT SEEMED A BETTER IDEA TO WORK TOWARD THE PRINCIPLE THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SIZE OF A NATION'S DEFENSE BUDGET AND ITS DEVELOPMENT AID FUNDS. RUTH SAID HE BELIEVED IT USEFUL POINT FOR THE WEST TO MAKE IN THE PRESENCE OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES.

5. RUTH SAID THE FRG ANTICIPATED HAVING THE FRENCH PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD AT THE UNSSOD AND HE SAID THE FRG WAS WORKING TOWARD DEVELOPMENT OF MORE SPECIFIC POSITIONS AS THE UNSSOD DREW NEARER.  
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